



## "Time of Re-Commitment"

10/17/11

To Parents and players:

Basketball Season is back... Welcome aboard! We are excited about this opportunity for fellowship with youth and families. We feel this is a time to **focus** and **renew our commitment** to the original mission and purpose of this league. It is our goal to create an atmosphere for good, competitive games played with Christ-honoring attitudes and actions. **A competitive spirit should not compromise our Christian values!** Please be mindful that this is not a recreational basketball league, but rather a church league focused on outreach in the name of Christ. Please read our mission statement below!!

### **STATEMENT OF MISSION AND PURPOSE:**

**To provide recreational opportunities in a Christian environment with emphasis on affirming, encouraging and nurturing teens in Christ's love.**

**We have put several things in place to steer this league in a more intentional manner.**

- Devotional time (10-15 minutes) has always been expected once a week at practice. This year each coach will receive a devotional guide to follow.
- Devotional thoughts based on the past weekly devotions will be shared at center court before each game. This responsibility will be shared among the teams.
- Conduct will be very closely monitored and there will be **zero tolerance** for behavior deemed inappropriate in our guidelines.

We strongly believe that parents, coaches, players and referees all contribute to the atmosphere of the games. **Please hold yourselves and your teenagers accountable for their behavior.** We will be working towards youth growing in relationship with each other and more importantly, growing in relationship with God. It will be great if teams win games along the way—but it is not the priority.

In addition, we want parents to be aware that we are asking youth to participate in one weekly program (worship, Sunday school, youth programs, etc.) at the church where they are playing. This has been a policy since the beginning of our league.

In support of our mission statement, we are asking parents of youth and youth to read and sign their Code of Conduct on the back of this letter. **Youth will need to return the completed Code of Conducts and registration form before being placed on a team.** Thank you in advance for your support! We look forward to a fun, joyful season of basketball!

In His Service,

Laurie Little  
Director of Youth Ministries

**Code of Conducts →**

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**Matthews UMC Youth Basketball League**

**2011-2012**

**PARENTS! Be sure to read the letter on the other side before signing.**

### CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS

As parents of \_\_\_\_\_, a participant in the Matthews UMC Youth Basketball League, we agree to maintain behavior that is only supportive, encouraging and affirming to all athletes. We will be respectful to referees and coaches at all times, whether or not we agree with the officiating and coaching. We will display no loud, inappropriate language, taunting or disrespectful conduct towards anyone.

We understand that we will be asked to leave if these guidelines are not followed.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT

I \_\_\_\_\_, a participant in the Matthews UMC Youth Basketball League, agree to model behavior that is only supportive, encouraging and affirming to all athletes. I will be respectful to referees and coaches at all times, whether or not I agree with the officiating and coaching. I will display no loud, inappropriate language, taunting or disrespectful conduct towards anyone.

I understand that I will be benched if these guidelines are not followed.

Youth Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_